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SUBJECT: IZMIR FAIR 1974

FOR SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDERICK DENT FROM AMBASSADOR

REFS: ANKARA 1409, 0818, 0489 AND PREVIOUS

1. I HAVE BEEN MOST RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE ON YOU WITH THIS REQUEST, BUT IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF SITUATION, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN GETTING PROMPTLY A FAVORABLE DECISION ON WASHINGTON SUPPORT FOR US PARTICIPATION IN IZMIR FAIR 1974. OUR NEED FOR WASHINGTON SUPPORT IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH US PAVILION AGAIN THIS YEAR WAS PRESENTED IN MY TELEGRAM 8225, OCTOBER 17, 1973, WHICH I UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON BUT WITHOUT DECISION THUS FAR.

2. WE HAVE COMPLETELY RUN OUT OF TIME IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR. DEADLINE FOR NOTIFYING MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OF OUR INTENTION WAS PASSED ON FEBRUARY 16. WE WERE ABLE INFORMALLY TO OBTAIN EXTENSION OF DEADLINE, BUT WE MUST GIVE THEM AN ANSWER IN NEXT FEW DAYS OR LOSE CHANCE. MOREOVER, IN ABSENCE OF WASHINGTON DECISION TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION ON BASIS OUR REQUEST, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO MUCH OF NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK WHICH WAS WELL IN HAND BY THIS TIME LAST YEAR. OUR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT WITH EXTRA EFFORT IN MONTHS

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AHEAD THEY CAN MAKE UP THIS HANDICAP BUT WE CANNOT DELAY FURTHER

IN GETTING STARTED.

3. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE INDICATES IT IS PREPARED ALLOCATE \$1.75 MILLION IN IMPORT QUOTA FOR PARTICIPANTS IN US PAVILION (VERSUS \$1.56 MILLION LAST YEAR). THIS AMOUNT COULD BE EXCEEDED WITH ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY ITEMS.

4. WE DID PARTICIPATE LAST YEAR WITH INADEQUATE MEANS AND MINIMAL WASHINGTON SUPPORT. I WOULD LIKE PARTICIPATE AGAIN THIS YEAR, BUT STRONGLY BELIEVE WE CANNOT DO SO UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO PRESENT ACCEPTABLE US IMAGE WHICH WILL REQUIRE WASHINGTON SUPPORT FOR TYPE A COMMERCIAL PRESENCE FAIR AS OUTLINED IN STATE A-92547 OF NOVEMBER 8 AND AS WE REQUESTED EARLIER.

5. YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP US TO DO THE JOB WE ARE READY TO DO AND WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. WARMEST REGARDS.
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